development projects are being implemented in the State of Gujarat as on date with district-wise details thereof;

(b) how much area in the State was brought under afforestation under the projects during the last three years;

(c) whether the local population's involvement/cooperation is being sought for the success of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) One project under the Centrally Sponsored Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme is being implemented in the State of Gujarat in district Bhavnagar.

The Area brought under afforestation under the above project during the last three years is 3550 ha. The details of physical and financial targets and achievements are as under:

Projects in Bhavnagar District

Year	Physical (Area in ha.) Target	Achieve-ment	Financial (Rs. in lakhs) Relea-sed	Achieve-ment
1990-91	1225	—	55.00	—
1991-92	1225	1225	24.00	55.60
1992-93	1225	1225	—	82.60
1993-94	1225	1100	—	102.41
1994-95	1100	—	236.09	—
1995-96	—	—	30.00	—
TOTAL	6000	3550	345.09	240.43

(c) and (d) The project envisages involvement of local people by formation of Forest Protection Committees. Poor and backward people of the villages near the forests were to be members of the committee and involved in protection and development of the forests.

To seek their co-operation, the project included the following components:—

(i) Development of private lands (vidis) of small and marginal farmers in the project area.

(ii) Distribution of seedlings of tree species inluding fruit trees: 50,000 seedlings were distributed.

(iii) Distribution of imporved chullas, solar cooker etc: 150 improved stoves and solar cookers were distributed.

(iv) Employment Generation: The schemes generated 5.9 lakh mandays of employment over 3 years.

Recovery of dues by Railways

*593. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of RIAIWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outstanding dues of Railways on account of carriage of coal from coal pitheads to the thermal power plants went up from Rs. 894.85 crores as on 31st March, 1996 to Rs. 1,022.63 crores on 31st May, 1996 registering an increase of Rs. 127.78 crores, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 18th August, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total outstanding dues recoverable from concerned State Electricity Boards (SEBs), State-wise, DESU, NTPC, Badarpur Thermal Plants including private power houses as on 18th August, 1996; and

(c) the reasons for delay in recovery of the dues by the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The figures quoted are made up of two elements namely freight and demurrage

and other charges. The break up as on 31.3.96 and 31.5.96 is furnished below:

(Rs. in Crore)

	Freight	Dem. & Others	Total
31.3.96	862.67	32.18	894.85
31.5.96	977.17	45.46	1022.63

(b) The outstanding dues recoverable from concerned State Electricity Boards (SEBs) State-wise, DESU, NTPC, Badarpur Thermal Power Plant including private power houses as on 18th August, 1996 are not available. However, the position as on 30.6.1996 is given below:—

(Rs. in Cr.)

S.No.	Name of the State Electricity Boards/ Power Houses.	Freight	Demurrage & Others	Total
1.	A.P. State Electy. Bd.	22.29	1.76	24.05
2.	Assam State Electy. Board.	3.96	0.04	4.16
3.	Bihar State Electy. Board.	3.96	0.70	4.66
4.	Delhi Elec. Supply Corn.	94.14	0.62	94.76
5.	Gujarat State Elecy. Board.	4.62	1.51	6.13
6.	Haryana State Electy. Board.	44.26	12.65	56.91
7.	Karnataka State Electy. Board	0.17	0.34	0.51
8.	Maharashtra State Electy. Bd.	20.06	13.38	33.44
9.	M.P. State Electy. Board.	2.34	0.85	3.29
10.	Punjab State Electy. Board.	13.99	0.50	14.49
11.	Rajasthan State Electy. Board.	1.53	0.41	1.94
12.	Tamil Nadu State Electy. Brd.	0.05	0.28	0.33
13.	U.P.State Electy. Board.	36.87	0.82	37.59
14.	W.B. State Electy Board.	15.19	5.59	20.78
15.	N.T.P.C./Badarpur T.P.P.	688.19	0.35	688.54
16.	N.T.P.C./Others.	25.91	6.60	32.51
17.	Private Power Houses.	1.37	0.14	1.51
	Total	979.06	46.54	1025.60

(c) The main reason is that a large part of the dues accumulate on account of the fact that the coal is booked on "To Pay" basis and the condition of compulsory prepayment of freight could be imposed only on a few SEBs/Power Houses. The SEBs/Power Houses have not been paying full dues, despite constant chasing by the Railways. All efforts are being made to recover these dues.

Ministry's policy regarding employment guarantee programme

*594. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the policy of the Ministry is not to allow implementation of employment guarantee programme for the rural poor in the areas of Wild Life Sanctuaries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons for rejecting the demand by Adivasis for such employment on Shoolpaneshwar Sanctuary in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) No, Sir. However, in wildlife sanctuaries, the main priority is conservation of wildlife in